



INSIDE SANTA CLARA

QUARTERLY NEWSPAPER FOR
CITY OF SANTA CLARA
RESIDENTS & BUSINESSES

SUMMER 2008



Santa Clara receives national Green Power recognition

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has named the City of Santa Clara a Green Power Community - one of only 14 communities in the U.S. that are protecting the environment through their aggregate purchase of nearly 300 million kilowatt-hours of green power annually.

In Santa Clara, 130 business customers and thousands of residents are voluntarily paying a little more for electricity in order to purchase 57 million kilowatt-hours of renewable energy from Silicon Valley Power, the City's municipal Electric Utility. One of the biggest participants is the City itself, which recently committed to more than a million kilowatt-hours of renewable energy annually for all municipal facilities.

"The Environmental Protection Agency applauds our community partners for protecting our environment by purchasing green power," said EPA Administrator Stephen L. Johnson. "By voluntarily shifting to renewable energy, the community of Santa Clara is proving you don't need to wait for a signal in order to go green."

Nine major institutions in Santa Clara currently purchase green power at levels ranging from two million to eight million kilowatt-hours annually: Agilent Technologies, Applied Materials, Santa Clara University, Yahoo!, Westfield Valley Fair, Terremark, National Semiconductor, Santa Clara Marriott and the City.

Santa Clara Green Power is a voluntary renewable energy program offered by Silicon Valley Power to all of its residential, commercial and

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General Plan update begins

The City of Santa Clara's General Plan - the "blueprint" that lays out a vision of the City's future through a series of general policy statements - is being updated to cover the years 2010-2035.

Three residents will be appointed at the June 10 City Council meeting to serve on a General Plan Update Steering Committee (applications to serve were due May 23), and the first community workshops are set for June 21 and June 23 at the Santa Clara Senior Center, 1303 Fremont St. The public is invited.

California law has required cities and counties to adopt General Plans or Master Plans since the 1920s, but it was not until 1971 that a change in the law required that these plans actually be implemented. Since then, General Plans have become the "constitution" for all future development within a city. Land use regulations and approvals should conform to it and implement the General Plan's goals and policies.

Periodic updates of the General Plan are necessary because many of the objectives for the existing General Plan have been met, and new opportunities and challenges for the City emerged over the past few years.

The update will include all of the mandatory seven elements (land use, transportation, housing, conservation, open space, noise and safety) as well as other elements such as sustainability, historic preservation and community design.

Updating the General Plan will take two years and involve several opportunities for the community to participate, including community workshops and an online survey that will be posted this summer at www.santaclaragp.com. Stay in touch about this process and receive email updates about meetings and other important news by registering online at www.santaclaragp.com. For more information, call 615-2450.

Extended summer hours at California's Great America

With so much to see and do, California's Great America now offers extended operating hours during the majority of the summer. Staying open as late as 10 p.m., park goers can now enjoy the park even later, giving them even more time to experience many of the new season attractions.

Adding to its already stellar entertainment program, "Endless Summer on Ice," a 30-minute ice spectacular at the Great America Theater, features professional ice skaters, lavish sets, dazzling costumes and a soundtrack that will have guests dancing in their seats. Join Dora the Explorer, Boots and their friends as they go on a musical adventure of song and dance and help Big Red Chicken. International comedic magician Ed Alonzo, the "Misfit of Magic," returns to the Showtime Theater stage for another season of hilarious, mesmerizing fun for all ages. Beat the heat and head out to Boomerang Bay Beach Club which offers more than 13-acres of water park fun and excitement. And don't miss the new, thrilling ride, FireFall.

A complete 2008 operating schedule is available online at www.cagreatamerica.com.

Fourth of July All City Picnic and Fireworks Extravaganza



A full day of Fourth of July family fun is planned for Central Park, starting early in the morning with an 8 a.m. pancake breakfast and ending after dark with a spectacular fireworks display.

The old-fashioned festivities of the traditional All City Picnic on Friday, July 4, include a carnival area, petting zoo, face painting, Cosmo jump, and swimming at the International Swim Center. Bring a picnic lunch or purchase all-American foods prepared by local community groups.

Relax to live entertainment throughout the day at the Pavilion. The West Valley Jazz Orchestra, big band jazz, will perform at 12:30 p.m., followed by the Groove Kings, a dance party band, at 3 p.m. Performing cultural groups will include Rafael and Ingrid, Duo Amaranto, singing Latin American folk songs, and the Kalaikoil Dance of Southern India performing classical Indian dance.

The fun will continue into the evening. Bring blankets and lawn chairs to the grass area between Millikin School and the Community Recreation Center where there will be music and a variety of food booths, followed by a spectacular fireworks display set to patriotic music at 9:30 p.m. Pre-fireworks entertainment will be provided from 7 - 9:30 p.m. by the Buchser Alumni DéjàVu Band and the Jazz vocal group, DéjàVu too, directed by David Ladd Anderson. Call 615-3140 for additional information.

Innovative affordable housing program is helping first time homebuyers

In its first year of operation in 2007, the City of Santa Clara's innovative Below Market Priced program helped 41 families purchase their first home. And it has created a \$5.3 million source of funds for the City to continue to help more people with affordable housing in the future.

The City has had an "inclusionary" housing policy in the General Plan Housing Element since 1992 that requires private development projects with more than 10 units to include 10% of new housing units as affordable. Until recently, the affordability of these homes was guaranteed by the use of long-term restrictions. Buyers were able to purchase the home at a below-market rate price, but the home could not be resold at market rate for 45 years. This guaranteed that the home would continue to be affordable for future buyers, but it did not allow the current home owner to benefit from appreciation of the



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Campaign season begins and so do reminders to Vote Ethics

Although candidates do not have to file official documents announcing their intention to run for City Council until August, some campaigns are already underway in seeking endorsements and contributions for the November 4 election.



In Santa Clara, the start of campaign season is also the start of the award-winning Vote Ethics public awareness program to remind voters – as well as candidates and their supporters – that ethics should be considered at the ballot box.

Vote Ethics is an extension of the City’s comprehensive ethics program and the Code of Ethics & Values adopted in 2000. The community values identified in the Code – ethical, professional, service-oriented, fiscally responsible, organized, communicative, collaborative, progressive – have been the basis for a series of training workshops for different segments of City government, including elected officials, appointed members of commissions and boards, senior staff, and entire City departments. During three election cycles, the Code has also been the centerpiece of workshops for candidates and their supporters.

In 2004 and 2006, the program expanded to include outreach to voters to educate them about how to evaluate the ethics and values of candidates. A Vote Ethics insert was published in this newspaper [look for a new insert in the September issue], and other communication tools were used to describe campaign financing regulations and disclosure laws.

More information about Vote Ethics can be found on the City’s website at www.santaclaraca.gov.

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property value. Under the new policy, private development projects still have 10% of their units set aside for moderate and low income households. The difference is that the City is providing a principal-only loan to cover the difference between the unrestricted initial market value of the home and the affordable sale price for a moderate-income buyer to qualify. This loan is not re-paid until the property is sold. When the loan is paid back, the funds are set aside for more affordable housing investments in the future.

The revised program allows the home owner to share in the appreciation of the property over time. The homeowner’s portion of the equity increases gradually, year by year, and after 20 years, the homeowner is entitled to all of the equity appreciation.

“Cities really only have two tools available to them to assist in affordable housing production – land use entitlements and financial assistance,” said Housing & Community Services Division Manager Jeff Pedersen. “The model of Santa Clara’s program for first time home buyers is effective because it provides maximum value to home buyers, minimizes the subsidy burden on home builders, and creates a mechanism for generating additional funds for future affordable housing efforts.”

For more information on Santa Clara’s affordable housing programs, including both the Below Market Priced program and a secondary loan financing program for first time homebuyers, contact 615-2490.



Keys to a new home are exchanged between the new homeowners and Real Estate Program Manager Rod Geiman.

City of Santa Clara Code of Ethics and Values

- Ethical
- Professional
- Service-Oriented
- Fiscally Responsible
- Organized
- Communicative
- Collaborative
- Progressive

Ethics Every Day: Making Ethical Values a Good Habit



CITY OF SANTA CLARA QUARTERLY REPORT

SUMMER 2008

(delivered bulk mail to every residential and business address in Santa Clara)

Santa Clara City Council

- Patricia M. Mahan, Mayor
- Dominic J. Caserta, Council Member
- Will Kennedy, Council Member
- Patrick Kolstad, Council Member
- Joe Kornder, Council Member
- Jamie McLeod, Council Member
- Kevin Moore, Council Member

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City Goals and Priorities 2007-2009

The City Council priority is to focus on successful completion of existing City projects, postpone new City projects and proposals, and operate within Council-adopted budget principles and priorities, with the goal of guiding the City successfully to economic recovery. (The complete Council Principles and Priorities 2007-09 can be found on the City website at

www.santaclaraca.gov/city_gov/city_gov_council_adopted_goals.html)

City Mission Statement

The mission of the City of Santa Clara is to promote a living and working environment that allows for the best quality of life by serving the community with resourceful, efficient, progressive and professional leadership.
- Adopted by Council action, July 25, 1989 -



Public Meetings - City Hall

Board of Library Trustees*	1st Monday	7:00 pm
Citizens Advisory Committee	4th Monday	7:00 pm
City Council	Two Tuesdays per month	7:00 pm
Civil Service Commission	2nd Monday	7:00 pm
Cultural Advisory Commission	1st Monday	7:30 pm
Historical & Landmarks Commission	1st Thursday	7:00 pm
International Exchange Commission	1st Tuesday	7:00 pm
Parks & Recreation Commission	3rd Tuesday	7:00 pm
Planning Commission	2nd & 4th Wednesday	7:00 pm
Senior Advisory Commission**	4th Monday	10:00 am
Youth Commission (during the school year)***	2nd Tuesday	6:00 pm

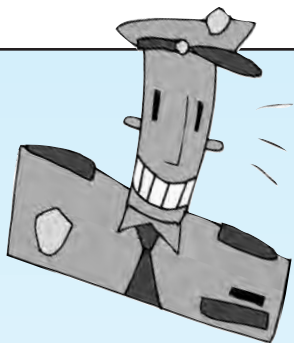
Some commissions/committees meet monthly and others meet semi-monthly. Agendas for City Council, Board and Commission meetings are posted at the City Clerk’s Office at City Hall, the Central Park Library and Mission Library, and on the City website, at least 3 days before the listed meeting. Complete agenda packets with back-up reports for City Council meetings are available at either City Library beginning Saturday before the Tuesday meetings, or at the City Clerk’s Office on weekdays. The City Clerk’s Office database also allows for the viewing of Agenda Reports online, at santaclaraca.gov/calendarcm_cur.html.

- * Meeting is at Central Park Library, 2635 Homestead Road
- ** Meeting is at the Senior Center, 1303 Fremont Street
- *** Meeting is at Teen Center, 2446 Cabrillo Avenue

Online schedule: www.santaclaraca.gov
Dates and times may vary. Call (408) 615-2220 for information.



CODE COMPLIANCE QUESTIONS



Q If I park my car in a red zone on private property can I receive a parking ticket?

A Parking in a red zone anywhere – public or private property – is not a good idea and you may receive a ticket, or even have your vehicle towed away.

There are many reasons why red zones may exist, but the most common is to prevent vehicles from parking in areas where emergency access is required, such as adjacent to fire hydrants or other fire equipment, or areas that provide only the minimum 20-foot access width for emergency vehicles. Red curbing can also be used in areas where a parked vehicle may obstruct or impede the normal vehicle flow throughout the property.

If the red curbing has been designated as an official fire lane intended to maintain fire department emergency access, then you may be ticketed. Parking in a red zone could delay the response of the fire department in an emergency and could inadvertently endanger others.

Property owners have the right, as long as they post the property, to tow vehicles from their property.

Q My neighbors parks a boat on their front lawn. Is this legal?

A The Municipal Code prohibits the parking of any vehicles – including boats -- on the “required landscape areas” of residential property, and that includes the front lawn. Vehicles can be parked on areas surfaced with all-weather materials such as concrete, asphalt, brick, stone, or gravel.

Vehicles, including boats, cannot be parked on any street or alley for more than 72 consecutive hours. To report illegally parked vehicles on landscaped areas of residential properties or for more information, call the City’s Code Enforcement Office at 615-2460.

Protect yourself against mosquito bites and West Nile Virus



Standing water warmed by the sun is an excellent breeding ground for mosquitoes – and mosquitoes bring with them an increased risk of West Nile Virus. To reduce mosquitoes and protect yourself against mosquito bites, follow these guidelines:

- Eliminate all sources of standing water including flower pots, old car tires, rain gutters and pet bowls. Ponds should have mosquito fish or commercially available products to eliminate mosquito larvae.
- Apply insect repellent containing DEET, especially in the early morning and evening when mosquitoes that carry the West Nile Virus are more likely to bite.
- Make sure that doors and windows have tight-fitting screens to keep out mosquitoes.
- Report all dead birds and tree squirrels by calling 877-968-2473 or through the website www.westnile.ca.gov. This information is used by the State to identify “hot spots” of West Nile Virus.



SPOTLIGHT ON CITY BOARD, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

Volunteers needed to serve on five City commissions

Due to expiring terms and a resignation, the City of Santa Clara has vacancies on five City commissions: the Board of Library Trustees, the Cultural Advisory Commission, the Historical & Landmarks Commission, the Planning Commission, and the Senior Advisory Commission. All commissions listed have one vacancy except the Board of Library Trustees which has two vacancies, and the Cultural Advisory Commission which has four vacancies.

The deadlines to receive applications for each commission, interview dates and times, and interview locations are as follows:

Commission	Deadline to apply (5 p.m.)	Interview dates and times	Interview location
Board of Library Trustees	June 11	June 17, 6 p.m.	City Hall Lobby
Cultural Advisory Commission	June 11	June 17, 6 p.m.	City Hall Lobby
Historical & Landmarks Commission	July 2	July 8, 6 p.m.	City Hall Lobby
Planning Commission	July 2	July 8, 7 p.m.	Council Chambers
Senior Advisory Commission	July 9	July 15, 6 p.m.	City Hall Lobby

- The 5-member Board of Library Trustees advises the City Council on matters related to the operation of the Santa Clara Public Library.
- The 7-member Cultural Advisory Commission advises the City Council on matters relating to cultural enrichment and beautification.
- The 7-member Historical & Landmarks Commission provides advice on the names and renaming of streets, museums and the establishment thereof in the City, and the marking and preservation of historical landmarks and places.
- The 7-member Planning Commission advises the City Council on matters pertaining to the physical development of Santa Clara, and makes recommendations with respect to land subdivisions, zoning as prescribed by ordinance, and more.
- The 7-member Senior Advisory Commission advises the City Council on matters affecting people age 50 and older in Santa Clara.

The City is also seeking residents who may be interested in serving on any of the City’s nine boards or commissions, or a City committee, at some point in the future. Your name can be placed on a mailing list, and you will be notified when vacancies occur. The full list of commissions/committee include: Board of Library Trustees, Civil Service Commission, Cultural Advisory Commission, Historical & Landmarks Commission, International Exchange Commission, Parks & Recreation Commission, Planning Commission, Senior Advisory Commission, Youth Commission, and the Housing Rehabilitation Loan Committee.

Commissions generally meet every month, or every other month, in the evening with these exceptions; the Planning Commission sometimes meets twice per month; the Senior Advisory Commission meetings are held on a weekday morning.

If you are a registered voter (or in the case of the Youth Commission, a Santa Clara resident, age 12-19), and are interested in serving on any of these board/commissions/committee, or just want more information, contact the City Clerk’s Office, 1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95050. You may call the Clerk’s Office on weekdays at 615-2220, email clerk@santacalaraca.gov or visit the online website www.santacalaraca.gov.

ADA Committee meets June 9

The City of Santa Clara Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Advisory Committee will hold its joint meeting with the City Staff ADA Compliance Committee on Monday, June 9, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. The ADA Advisory Committee is composed of representatives from the community, both individuals and organizations. Members of the public are invited to attend the meetings and participate in the various accessibility issues discussed. Meeting locations are broadcast on Santa Clara Cable Channel 15, or for further information contact the Engineering Department at 615-3000.

The ADA Advisory Committee assists the City ADA Compliance Committee with recommendations for implementation of the City ADA Plan. Organizations represented on the ADA Advisory Committee include Hearing Loss Association of America and the Adult Independence Development Center.

Are you interested in Santa Clara history?

The Santa Clara Arts & Historical Consortium can provide prints from the photographs in the historic collection. An 8.5"x11" photograph costs only \$20. For larger sizes request quotes. Copies of many of these historic photos are hanging in City Hall. The complete collection can be viewed and orders placed on non-holiday Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Headen-Inman House, 1509 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara (next to the Triton Museum of Art).







Summer in the City!

Make a summer memory right here at home

The high cost of gasoline and increased awareness of the environmental impact of all motorized modes of transportation are encouraging more people to enjoy their hometown during summer vacation. Fortunately, there is much to see and do in the City of Santa Clara – so take your pick from these fun activities!

Parks & Recreation activities

All summer

Enjoy your summer with activities offered by the Parks & Recreation Department. Choose from a wide variety of new classes including adult cooking courses, kayak and camping outings, youth tennis mini-camps, percussion classes for children, as well as creative arts, dance, fitness, special interest, sports, and swimming instruction.

There is also a great line up of field trips as part of Summer Day Camps for youth at Lick Mill Park, Maywood Park and the Youth Activity Center. Teens can “Breakaway” each week from the Teen Center to a different exciting destination each day! For those who love to perform and be on stage, there’s “F.A.C.E Camp” (Fine Arts Camp Extraordinaire) or the “C.A.T.S” program (Creative Artistic Theatrical Showcase) through the Roberta Jones Junior Theatre. Look for additional Junior Theatre summer offerings in this issue, for more information about C.A.T.S and other performances that are open to the public.

The *City of Santa Clara Recreation Activities Guide* has a complete listing of all of the Summer programs being offered. Pick up a copy at the Community Recreation Center, Walter E. Schmidt Youth Activity Center, Teen Center, Senior Center, City Hall, Central Park Library, or Mission Library Family Reading Center. The guide is also available online at www.santaclaraca.gov.

Summer programs fill quickly and registration has been underway since the end of April. Santa Clara residents are encouraged to register as soon as possible – preferably online or by phone, providing instant registration. An account “PIN” number and “client barcode” are required before using either service. Residents may also register in person at the Community Recreation Center, the Teen Center or Walter E. Schmidt Youth Activity Center. Call the Community Recreation Center at 615-3140 for more information.

Farmers Market

Every Saturday



The Downtown Santa Clara Farmers Market is in full swing every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Jackson Street between Homestead and Benton all year round. Sponsored by the Downtown Santa Clara Merchants Association and the Urban Village Farmers Market, this weekly event provides Santa Clara residents with fruits and vegetables fresh from local fields and orchards, as well as live music to enjoy while shopping. Breads, cakes and other baked goods are also available, as well as fresh seafood from the California coast. Summer’s bounty offers an appetizing way to get the recommended five daily servings of fruits and veggies, and delectable fruits like peaches, plums, apricots, melons and a wide assortment of summer berries provide an easy and delicious way to eat healthy. Start your summer with a splash at the Farmers Market! Bring your own bags! See related article on page 7.

“Art in the Air” banner exhibit

Now through September



Hand-painted banners by local artists are on display along El Camino Real, between Lincoln Street and Los Padres Blvd. The banners, which hang from street light poles, represent the third biennial Art in the Air exhibit, sponsored by the City and its Cultural Advisory Commission. The exhibit will remain on display through September. Santa Clara County artists were invited to submit entries for the exhibit. The winning designs, reflecting many artistic styles, were selected by the Cultural Advisory Commission. A full-color brochure showing each work of art and the names of the artists is available at many City facilities including City Hall and the Central Park Library, as well as the Santa Clara Chamber of Commerce. For more information about the exhibit, call 615-2219.

NASA missions to Mars, Mercury

Wednesday, June 4

NASA/JPL Solar System Ambassador Eric Norris will deliver a multi-media presentation on the Phoenix Mars Mission landing and the Mercury Messenger flyby, with updates on other NASA missions at 7 p.m. on June 4 in Central Park Library’s Redwood Room. The Phoenix Mars Mission will be sniffing the soils of the Martian arctic hunting for chemistry that could support life. The Mercury Messenger Mission is the first spacecraft to visit Mercury since Mariner 10. This is the third NASA program held at the Library—they have been very popular, so be sure to sign up early! Sixth graders and up are welcome at this event. To reserve a space at this free program, stop by the Reference Desk at Central Park Library, or call 615-2900. See more information on Library events found below and on page 12.

Summer Reading Programs

June 6-August 2

Sign-ups for the 2008 Summer Reading Program will begin on Friday, June 6, and run through Friday, July 18. The kick-off event, *Catch the Reading Bug @ Your Library*, will take place on Saturday, June 7, from 1-4 p.m. Family programs, storytelling, movie nights, and lots of reading will keep the community busy during the summer months. Children are encouraged to keep track of their summer reading and earn a free paperback book! Detailed information is available in a Summer Reading schedule that can be picked up at the Library. Summer Reading programs are made possible by the Applied Materials Foundation, Mission City Community Fund, and the Foundation & Friends of the Santa Clara City Library.

The following programs are scheduled between Monday, June 23, and Saturday, August 2:

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| Mondays | Family Movies (ages vary) at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.
Teen Movies (grades 7-12) at 6 p.m. |
| Tuesdays | School-Age Programs (grades 1-6) at 3 p.m.
Teen Programs (grades 7-12) at 6 p.m. |
| Wednesdays | 3rd-4th & 5th-6th Grade Book Discussion (alternate weeks) at 3 p.m.
Family Programs (age limits will vary) at 7 p.m. |
| Thursdays | Baby Lapsit (ages 0-12 months) at 10:30 a.m.
Young 1s (ages 12-24 months) at 10:30 a.m.
Agilent Science Programs (grades 5-12) at 2 p.m.
Teen Programs (grades 7-12) at 3 p.m. |
| Fridays | Preschool Storytime (ages 2-5) at 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. |
| Saturdays | Family Storytime (all ages) at 10:30 a.m. |

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QUICK CALENDAR

Descriptions for all Summer events listed below are on pages 4 through 6.

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Now through September
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June 6-August 2
Help restore Ulistac Natural Area
June 7, 15, July 5, 20, August 2, 17
Afternoon Tea and Vintage Fashion Show
Sunday, June 8
Disney’s Alice In Wonderland, Jr.
June 13-15
Healthy Cooking with Kids
Saturday, June 14
Father’s Day Bike Tour
Sunday, June 15
Imagine Me, Imagine Me, Too!
June 16-July 23
Cherokee Roots
Tuesday, June 17
Booksale
Saturday, June 21
Art fair at the Triton Museum
Saturday, June 21
"Tip-A-Cop" event
Thursday, June 26
PAL Activities
Continue all summer
Live Theater Live
Saturday, June 28
Benefit golf tournament
Friday, July 11
Publishing genealogy books
Tuesday, July 15
Native gardening tips
Wednesday, July 23
A Midsummer Night’s Dream
July 25-27
Disney’s High School Musical
July 29-31
Street Dance with the Joe Sharino Band
Friday, August 1
25th annual National Night Out
Tuesday, August 5
Community-Wide Garage Sale day
Saturday, August 16
Ice Cream Social
Wednesday, August 27



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Help restore Ulistac Natural Area

June 7, 15, July 5, 20, August 2, 17

Volunteers working together will continue to transform Ulistac Natural Area over the summer months. Restoration work days are scheduled for 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on June 7, June 15, July 5, July 20, August 2 and August 17.

Ulistac Natural Area is a prime example of a community-driven project that flourishes because many volunteers of all ages work together to plant, weed and take care of other maintenance chores. Volunteers should wear sturdy shoes and long pants, and bring water, a snack, sunscreen, a hat and a jacket. For more information on the workdays or other ways to support Ulistac, call 554-5419. For more information, visit the City's website at santaclaraca.gov/park_recreation/pr_ulistac.html or visit the University website at scu.edu/envs/ulistac/.

Afternoon Tea and Vintage Fashion Show

Sunday, June 8

The lovely, shaded garden of the Harris-Lass Historic Museum at 1889 Market St. in Santa Clara will be the setting for an "Afternoon Tea and Vintage Fashion Show" from 1-4 p.m. on Sunday, June 8. Guests will be served tea, scones, finger sandwiches, fruit and pastries while enjoying a vintage hat and fashion show featuring costumes and dress of the 19th and early 20th century. Guests will also receive a pass to return, at a later date, for a private tour of the beautifully appointed Harris-Lass House with its delightful antique collections. Tickets for this fundraiser are \$25 each in advance. Purchase early since seating is limited. Contact Maria at 246-3822 for more information or to reserve tickets for this fun event, or leave an inquiry on the message line of the Harris-Lass House Museum at 249-7905.

Disney's Alice In Wonderland, Jr.

June 13-15

Young aspiring performers, ages 6-12, will shine in this fun production of *Disney's Alice In Wonderland*. Performances are June 13 at 7 p.m., and June 14 and 15 at 2 p.m. at the Mission City Center for Performing Arts at Wilcox High School. Go to RJIT.org or call 615-3161 for ticket information.

Healthy Cooking with Kids

Saturday, June 14

A Pacific Coast Farmers Market chef will discuss ways to cook quick and healthy summer meals at 10:30 a.m. at the Central Park Library. Bring the entire family to this wellness program sponsored by Kaiser Permanente and the Foundation & Friends of Santa Clara City Library. Call 615-2987 for information.

Father's Day Bike Tour

Sunday, June 15

A free Father's Day celebration featuring a self-guided bicycle tour of historic Santa Clara is scheduled Sunday, June 15, starting at the Harris-Lass Historical Museum, 1889 Market St. The Santa Clara Historic Bike Tour will be a six-mile self-guided tour and is rated as easy.

Participants can start anytime between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., and must finish by 3 p.m. Certificates of completion will be awarded. Maps and details of the tour will be given out at the sign-in table on the grounds of the Museum. Riders should plan on carrying their own first aid and fluids. Email kshall@aol.com or leave a message on the phone line at the Harris-Lass Museum at 249-7905.



Imagine Me, Imagine Me, Too!

June 16-July 23

This class is a stepping-stone for future studies with the Roberta Jones Junior Theatre. It is available to children ages 6-8 and covers creative, expressive, rhythmic activities and movements, and will explore make-believe games and nursery rhyme and fairy-tale characters. Registration is open for this program now and classes will meet June 16-July 23. Contact the Community Recreation Center at 615-3140 for detailed information.

Cherokee Roots

Tuesday, June 17

Dana Keys, a leader of the Cherokee Community of Silicon Valley and a Cherokee Council member, will discuss researching Cherokee roots from 7-9 p.m. at the Central Park Library. She will explore the Eastern and

Western Tribal rolls and Indian tribal applications, plus other documents available to Cherokee descendants. For more information, contact Local History Librarian Mary Hanel by phone 615-2909 or email mhanel@santaclaraca.gov.

Booksale

Saturday, June 21

Be sure to mark your calendars for the next Foundation & Friends Booksale scheduled for Saturday, June 21, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Cedar Room of the Central Park Library. Friends of the Library members may enter at 9 a.m. A bag of books is only \$5. Proceeds benefit the Santa Clara City Library. For more information, call 615-2987.

Art fair at the Triton Museum

Saturday, June 21

Hundreds of local and regional artists are expected to participate in a Midsummer Art Celebration, held in the lush sculpture gardens of the Triton Museum of Art, 1505 Warburton Ave. A large variety of art - watercolor, oil, acrylics, pastels, drawing, calligraphy, mixed media, printmaking, photography, fiber arts, silk painting, ceramics, and sculpture - will be on display for show and sale. A percentage of all sales will benefit the Triton's art and education programs. A variety of art demonstrations, as well as music and food, will be enjoyed from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission and parking are free. Call 247-3754 for additional information.

"Tip-A-Cop" event

Thursday, June 26

Your Santa Clara Police Department will be participating in a "Tip-A-Cop" event to benefit Special Olympics of Northern California. Off-duty Santa Clara law enforcement personnel will wait tables and solicit "tips" to support Special Olympics.

This year's Santa Clara "Tip-A-Cop" event will be held at the Chili's Restaurant, 3591 El Camino Real, on Thursday, June 26th, from 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. For more information, contact Sgt. Dan Winter at the Santa Clara Police Department, at 615-4772 or dwinter@santaclaraca.gov.

PAL activities continue all summer

Summer is no time off for the Police Activities League (PAL) that continues to offer a variety of sports activities for girls and boys, including a BMX Super Camp on June 26-29. It's an opportunity to ride on the primed BMX track and learn from professionals. To register, call 727-7538.

Other summer activities for kids include:

- Soccer – sign-up through July 31 for the season Aug. 23-Nov. 16
- Wrestling – July 7-Aug. 11 at Cabrillo Middle School
- Judo – from July 10-Aug. 14 at Cabrillo Middle School
- Softball Tournament – July 26-28 at Mission College and Central Park

Adults can support PAL through participation in the annual PAL Golf Tournament on August 20 at the Santa Clara Golf & Tennis Club, or by volunteering to help with other activities. For information, call 615-4880.



Live Theater Live

Saturday, June 28

Kaiser Permanente presents *Live Theater Live* on Saturday, June 28, at 10:30 a.m. at the Central Park Library. Families are invited to watch an award-winning performance of Kaiser Permanente's Educational Theater Program. It provides health information through the engaging medium of live theater, and will appeal to kids and parents. This wellness program is sponsored by Kaiser Permanente and the Foundation & Friends of Santa Clara City Library. Call 615-2987 for information.

Benefit golf tournament

Friday, July 11

Enjoy a great tournament at the Santa Clara Golf & Tennis Club on Friday, July 11, and support three worthy causes serving community youth– the Wade Brummal Scholarship Fund, Friends of Parks & Recreation, and the Kiwanis Club of Santa Clara. The \$85 entry fee for this 14th annual tournament includes a green fee, cart rental, tee prizes, refreshments, awards and a post-tournament party at David's Restaurant. Four person scramble format; enter as a team, or choose to be placed with other golfers. Shot gun



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start is at 1 p.m. Contests include a men’s and women’s longest drive, closest to the pin, and hole-in-one. Hole sponsorships are also available for an additional donation. Sign up deadline is July 2. Entry forms are available at the Parks & Recreation office and the Community Recreation Center. Call 615-2260 for entry information.

Publishing genealogy books

Tuesday, July 15

Kay Gutknect will address the topic of publishing genealogy books from 7-9 p.m. at the Central Park Library. She will use as a case study her experience in writing a book about her father’s World War II experiences. Gutknect will review how she “built the book,” put it in historical context, and how the book has become a vehicle for sharing family letters, photographs and stories. For more information, contact Local History Librarian Mary Hanel by phone 615-2909 or email mhanel@santaclaraca.gov.

Native gardening tips

Wednesday, July 23

Alrie Middlebrook will discuss California native plants and talk about her book, *Designing California Native Gardens* on July 23 in the Library’s Cedar Room at 7 p.m. Find out about the diversity of California plants and ecology-based landscaping, and discover how to conserve water and reduce the use of pesticides while designing a sustainable native garden. To reserve a space at this free program, stop by the Reference Desk at Central Park Library, or call 615-2900.

A Midsummer Night’s Dream

July 25-27

Roberta Jones Junior Theatre is proud to present the 8th season of free outdoor theatre in Central Park. ‘Shakespeare in the Park’ performers will present *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*, the story of four young lovers who go on a magical and hilarious adventure in an enchanted forest filled with mischievous fairies. Performances are on July 25, 26 and 27 at 6 p.m. Go to RJJT.org or call 615-3161 for ticket information.

Disney’s High School Musical

July 29-31

An exciting stage version of *Disney’s High School Musical* will be presented by Roberta Jones Junior Theatre Creative Artistic Theatrical Showcase (C.A.T.S.) at the Mission City Center for Performing Arts on July 29, 30 and 31 at 7 p.m. Registration is open now for youth ages 8-15 who like to act, sing and dance. Daily rehearsals begin June 23. Call the Community Recreation Center at 615-3140 now if your child would like to participate. For ticket information visit the website RJJT.org or call 615-3161.

Street Dance with the Joe Sharino Band

Friday, August 1



The Franklin Square Street Dance, featuring the Joe Sharino Band, will be held on Friday, August 1, 7 to 9:30 p.m. This all-star band will provide the best of pop, rock, Motown, funk, country and swing on Jackson Street between Homestead Road and Benton Street, adjacent to the Franklin Square. Enjoy the evening with neighbors and friends at this very popular free event. Refreshments will be available for purchase, or plan to start the evening by making reservations for an early dinner at a Franklin Square restaurant. Don’t miss this enjoyable event, sponsored by the City of Santa Clara Cultural Advisory Commission. For more information, call 615-2219.

25th annual National Night Out

Tuesday, August 5

Neighborhoods throughout Santa Clara are invited to participate in the “25th Annual National Night Out” – America’s Night Out Against Crime – on Tuesday, August 5, between 6 and 9 p.m. This event, created by the National Association of Town Watch and organized locally by the Santa Clara Police Department, is designed to increase awareness of crime prevention programs and strengthen neighborhood spirit by creating a positive police and community partnership. Popular events in past years have included pot luck dinners, ice cream socials, barbecues, children’s activities, and a safety scavenger hunt. Neighborhoods can request street closure if a petition is signed by all neighbors affected by the closure and the form is submitted to the City’s Business License Division at least two weeks before the event. For more information, contact Jamie Caron in the Community Services Unit at 615-4876 or by email at jcaron@santaclaraca.gov.

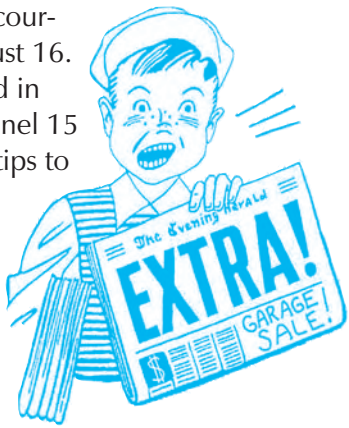
Community-Wide Garage Sale day

Saturday, August 16

Residents throughout Santa Clara are encouraged to hold garage sales on Saturday, August 16. The community-wide sale will be advertised in local newspapers, as well as on Cable Channel 15 and on the City’s website. Here are a few tips to make your sale the best it can be:

- Look in every nook of your home, garage and attic for items no longer wanted or needed that you can set out for sale.
- Write down the items you want to sell and their prices on a master list (helpful in case a price tag is lost).
- Use brightly colored tags or large stickers to price items. Write clearly.
- Post signs on private property only (no signs may be posted on utility or street sign poles). Use A-frame signs, mount signs on stakes in your yard, or put a sign on your car or van. Use bright colors and bold lettering when making signs.
- Have change and petty cash available.
- Display sale items attractively (furniture clean and polished, clothing on hangers or folded neatly, books and knick-knacks dusted, etc.).
- Use newspaper to wrap breakables, and have plenty of bags and boxes available.
- Donate usable items not sold. Gently used books, CDs and DVDs can be donated to the library. Clothing, appliances, and furniture can go to various charitable organizations.

Detailed information on holding a successful garage sale, places to donate unsold usable items, rules for garage sale signs and their placement, etc. can be found at www.santaclaraca.gov/pub_works/pw_garage_sale.html, or call 615-2063.



Ice Cream Social

Wednesday, August 27

There is no better way to enjoy the end of the summer and the City’s annual Senior Day than with friends at the annual Ice Cream Social at the beautifully renovated Senior Center, 1303 Fremont St. There will be plenty of free ice cream for all to create their favorite sundae, with all the toppings! Live music will be performed by the Peninsula Banjo Band. The fun begins at 12 noon.



Public hearing will discuss proposed budget, rate changes

The June 10 City Council meeting agenda will look at the City’s budget for fiscal year 2008-09, and include a public hearing on proposed changes to fees and the rates for garbage, Clean Green, water, recycled water and sewer utilities. See the related article on page 10. The Council meeting begins at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 1500 Warburton Ave. The public is invited. More information on the City Budget can be found on the City’s website at www.santaclaraca.gov and copies can be viewed at the libraries and at City Hall.



It’s so easy to be green...

The average American emits 16.64 metric tons of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, according to The Climate Trust, compared to 4.44 metric tons world average. Every trip in the car and every light, TV, computer and appliance used in daily life emit carbon dioxide that contributes to global warming.

Several websites, such as earthlab.com, feature “carbon footprint” calculators that can help you measure the amount of greenhouse gases your actions are producing and offer

ideas on how to reduce and offset your carbon emissions. Here are a few ideas on how you can easily and conveniently be more “green” in the way you live, work and play.

- Unplug appliances when not in use. Even if they’re not turned on, appliances will continue to draw electricity if they are plugged in
- Set the air conditioner at 78 degrees or higher and use other ways to keep the house cool. [See separate article on page 13.]
- Dry your laundry on an outdoor clothes line rather than in a dryer
- Walk or bicycle whenever possible
- Change at least one light bulb in each room to compact fluorescent
- Turn off the water while brushing teeth
- Buy and use a refillable water bottle to have bottled water from the tap.

For more ideas and information on Santa Clara’s green efforts, pick up a copy of the City’s “Green, Greener, Greenest” publication at the library or City Hall, or view it online at www.santaclaraca.gov.

BYOB – Bring your own bag!

One simple way to reduce your carbon footprint is by bringing your own bags to the store. Reusable bags and totes (made of canvas, mesh, recycled PET, etc.) can be easily stored and then used and reused on your trips to the market. Many grocery stores sell reusable bags and some offer “bag credit” (a small amount off your total at the cash register) for bringing reusable bags. Even reusing the plastic or paper bags from your last shopping trip is a help to the environment.

Paper bags can be recycled through the curbside recycling program by placing them in the gray recycling bin. Plastic bags (grocery, shopping, dry cleaning, newspaper, bread) can be recycled through the curbside recycling program. Place your recyclable plastic bags in a 30-gallon clear plastic bag and set it next to your gray bin. Grocery stores also offer on-site plastic bag recycling bins.

Want to check what your local grocery store offers in the way of reusable bags and plastic bag recycling? Ask them about it on your next shopping trip, or call them.

Lucky	3705 El Camino Real	247-5200
	234 Saratoga Avenue	296-0515
Green Earth Foods	3521 Homestead Road	243-9005
Kyo-Po Market	3379 El Camino Real	244-1234
Safeway	2760 Homestead Road	248-0563
	3970 Rivermark Plaza	855-0980
	3071 Stevens Creek Blvd	248-3305
	2605 The Alameda	244-6873
Save Mart	2610 El Camino Real	984-0419
Smart & Final	2065 El Camino Real	296-3293

Resident responds to messages of film by installing solar



The Academy-Award winning “An Inconvenient Truth” definitely sent a strong message to Guy Hutchison (left), a Santa Clara resident who installed a solar electric system on his home after watching the documentary.

“I had found the concept of a photovoltaic system to be intellectually interesting, but after the movie, I realized it was time to do something now,” he says.

Hutchison’s solar system and installation cost \$15,000 after he took advantage of a \$9,000 rebate (the rebate depends on system size) from Silicon Valley Power, the City of Santa Clara’s municipal Electric Utility.

Although Hutchison appreciates watching his meter run backwards and receiving low electric bills from Silicon Valley Power—sometimes zero in the summer—he is more excited about doing what’s right for the environment.

“I am reducing the net power load on the grid and producing clean energy,” he says. “It’s great to come home everyday and notice the energy savings.”

On a sunny day, the system can produce as much as 18 kilowatt-hours (kWhs). The average home in Santa Clara uses about 20 kWhs per day.

When Hutchison’s electric solar system generates more electricity than he is consuming, he accrues credit with Silicon Valley Power for the extra power to use later.

For more info on solar rebates, call 244-SAVE (7283).

How to conserve water in the garden

If you’ve ever looked at a browning lawn or bedraggled flowers wilting in the sun you are aware of the most important ingredient of successful gardening – water. Can you have landscaping and still conserve water? Yes, if you pay attention to what and where you plant and follow the guidelines for wise water use in the garden.

Two informative water-wise landscape brochures are available free at the Water & Sewer Utility in City Hall. “How to Water Your Garden” and “Rules of Thumb for Water-Wise Gardening” describe how to help your plants thrive while conserving water.

Here are a few other considerations for planning and maintaining your garden while being water-wise:

- Before buying plants read up on their water, sun, and soil needs. Place close together similar water-use plants and design your irrigation plan around these zones. Place high water use plants such as grass, fruit trees, and container plants in the shady areas to help hold the soil moisture longer.
- Only plant grass where it will be used and enjoyed and try to use grass species that require less water naturally like the Hybrid Bermuda, St. Augustine grass, and Dwarf Tall Fescues. Mix ordinary grass lawns with low-maintenance areas of hardy ground cover like varieties of thyme, yarrow or chamomile. Install a deck or permeable patios that allow rain to soak into the ground rather than run off.
- Install an accurate irrigation system like drip irrigation, when possible, to get the water directly to where it is needed. Many native plant species like the California Poppy, California Morning Glory, California Buckeye, and California Pepper tree, require little to no irrigation after they are established (roughly 1-2 years).
- Instead of a chemical fertilizers, try organic materials like compost, aged/dried manure, or cottonseed meal, but only use these when plants appear pale or stunted. If too much fertilizer is used it can run off into our storm drains and impact the Bay’s water quality.
- Water during non-windy evenings or early mornings to prevent excessive evaporation. Dig troughs around your plants to funnel the water to each plant, and place mulch around the plants to keep soil moisture from evaporating quickly and to reduce weeds. If weeds poke through, pull them immediately. Not only are they unsightly, they steal water from what you are actually trying to grow.
- Aerate your lawn to allow the water to get down to the plant roots more easily. To check to see if the water is getting down to the roots, stick a long screwdriver into the soil until you hit resistance (where the soil is dry). Just because the ground appears dry on the surface does not mean that it is not moist inches below, where it is needed most.
- Don’t over-water your garden. Water less as summer turns to fall and even less during winter when many plants become dormant. If you are using an irrigation system with an automatic controller make sure it has a rain shut-off option. If you notice runoff, the water is not being absorbed fast enough. You may need to divide your watering time into multiple shorter periods to let the ground soak up a good amount. Always check for permanently wet areas on your lawn. This may be a place where a broken pipe is hidden.

For more information call the City of Santa Clara Water & Sewer Utility at 615-2000, stop by the utilities office at City Hall at 1500 Warburton Ave., or visit the website at santaclaraca.gov/pub_utility/ws_conservation_programs.html.

Safe disposal of hazardous waste

Safe and easy disposal of household hazardous waste is available for Santa Clara residents at a drop-off event on Saturday, July 26, at the City of Santa Clara Street Corporation Yard, 1700 Walsh Ave. Residents must register to attend this event (or any of the drop-off events scheduled throughout the year) by calling the County Household Hazardous Waste Program at 299-7300.

Residents can dispose of fluorescent light bulbs and tubes, unused medications, paint, automotive fluids, cleaners, solvents, batteries, propane, fertilizers, pesticides, wood preservatives, and other types of household hazardous wastes at any of the drop-off events. Items NOT accepted include cathode ray tubes (computer or television monitors), ammunition, explosives, reactives, or containers larger than five gallons.

Contact the Street Department at 615-3080 regarding the disposal of computers or television monitors. Call the Police Department at 615-4700 regarding disposal of ammunition or explosives.

UTILITIES UPDATE

Cost of solid waste disposal

The City of Santa Clara subsidizes some of the cost of solid waste disposal; less than 2% of the annual total costs are currently paid from the General Fund Operating Budget. The report below lists the actual costs (on average) per household for the first quarter of 2008. Questions about this information may be addressed to the Street Department at 615-2063.

Household Solid Waste Disposal Costs				
2008 Quarter	Tons of solid waste collected in quarter	Single family residences (monthly average)	Average monthly volume of solid waste per single family household (lbs.)	
1st	6,929 tons	22,152 residences	209 lbs. per month	
The cost for providing collection, transportation and disposal of this solid waste was as follows:				
Monthly	Monthly tonnage collected	Cost of collection & disposal	Cost per ton	Average cost per residence per month
Jan 2008	2,395	\$ 455,990	\$ 186	\$ 20.58
Feb 2008	2,095	\$ 435,435	\$ 208	\$ 19.67
March 2008	2,439	\$ 446,636	\$ 183	\$ 20.15
Total 1st Quarter	6,929	\$1,338,061	\$ 193	\$ 20.15

Revenue collected for household solid waste disposal costs for this quarter was \$1,316,948.

Young artist winner announced

Johnny Chao, a student at Santa Clara High School, was selected as the winner of the local contest in the Sister Cities International Young Artists Showcase. His artwork will be forwarded to the international competition.



The winning art work, "Santa Clara" by Johnny Chao.

All 33 entrants in the contest received a \$25 gift certificate from University Art for their interpretation of Sister Cities International's mission: promoting peace through mutual respect, understanding, and cooperation — one individual, one community at a time. International winners will be displayed at the Sister Cities International Annual Conference in Kansas City, Kansas in July and then go on tour in member communities until the beginning of the next year's competition, in April 2009. For more information about Santa Clara Sister Cities visit the website www.santaclarasistercities.org or Sister Cities International website www.sister-cities.org.

MCCF now accepting grant applications

The Mission City Community Fund is now accepting applications for the Fall 2008 grant funding cycle. Grant applications are available on the MCCF website at missioncityfund.org. Applications must be postmarked by July 31, 2008. Funding of approved grants will be distributed in September and October of this year. All grant applications should be addressed to: Mission City Community Fund, Attn: Allocations Committee, P.O. Box 587, Santa Clara, CA 95052-0587. Mission City Community Fund is a local non-profit organization dedicated to enriching the quality of life in the City of Santa Clara. An all volunteer board of directors manages a fund that has provided grants to dozens of non-profit and community organizations for more than two decades. Funding preference is given to eligible proposals demonstrating the most urgent need, and proposals that benefit residents, groups, and organizations serving the City of Santa Clara. Past grant recipients have included the Triton Museum of Art, Next Door-Solutions to Domestic Violence, the Santa Clara Senior Center, Senior Housing Solutions, YWCA Rape Crisis Counseling, Inn Vision, Project Hired, Santa Clara Players, Santa Clara Chorale, de Saisset Museum, Unity Care Group, Hope Services, the JW House at Kaiser Hospital, Santa Clara Library, Santa Clara Unified School District, Santa Clara Arts & Historical Consortium, Villa Montalvo, Leadership Santa Clara and many others. MCCF is an all volunteer organization; it has no paid staff. Many residents and businesses have contributed to MCCF through the years, allowing the fund to grow and become self sustaining. MCCF also receives community donations from the "Give A Little...Help A Lot" donation campaign through the municipal utility bill inserts. For further information, see the website or email allocations@missioncityfund.org.

News from the Sister Cities program

Vi Vo, a senior at Wilcox High School, and Estevan Ornales, a sophomore at Wilcox High School will visit sister city Izumo, Japan, at the beginning of July. This spring their families hosted two students from Izumo for a 10-day stay that included a visit to the Monterey Bay Aquarium and a meeting with the Consulate General of Japan, Yasumasa Nagamine, in San Francisco. Santa Clara was also visited this spring by seven Izumo middle school students, accompanied by Ms. Mariko Kurosaki and Mr. Tom Kuwabara. Tom has been involved in the exchange program for 24 years. Santa Clara's other sister city, Coimbra, Portugal, sent a 15-member delegation of students and teachers Isabel Cruz and Helena Carvalho in March to visit Santa Clara High School. To learn more about Santa Clara sister cities, visit the website at: www.santaclarasistercities.org.

Be a foster parent to an animal waiting for adoption

Did you ever wish you could have a companion that would stay a 'puppy' or a 'kitten' forever? If yes, then you may be a candidate to become a foster parent for the Silicon Valley Animal Control Authority (SVACA).



Foster parents are volunteers who provide temporary, in-home care for dogs and cats who are waiting for adoption. Foster care is a rewarding and fulfilling program that helps to save the lives of animals that might not otherwise have a chance. "One of the goals of Silicon Valley Animal Control Authority is to place all of our adoptable animals into permanent and loving homes and thus far we've been able to do so with the help of our dedicated foster parents," says Shelter Manager Michael Limper. "Foster parenting is one of our most important programs that truly provides animals with a second chance at life." Foster parents must be over 18 years of age, and have an extra room in their home to keep foster animals separate from their companion animals. In addition, approval is needed from all adult members of the household as well as the property owner or homeowners association.

In order to become a foster parent, individuals must first attend a volunteer orientation followed by a foster parent orientation. Orientations are held at the SVACA Animal Care Center. The next orientation will be Saturday, July 19, at 10 a.m. Contact SVACA at 764-0344 or visit www.svaca.com for more information. SVACA is a joint powers authority that provides animal care and control services to the cities of Campbell, Monte Sereno and Santa Clara. Adoption services and volunteer opportunities are open to all in the Bay Area. SVACA is the Valley's only cageless animal care center.



Green Power

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industrial customers as a way to support energy generated from 100 percent clean wind and solar power resources at a low additional cost of 1.5 cents per kilowatt-hour for residential customers. Santa Clara utility customers can enroll in Santa Clara Green Power by signing up through the secure website at www.siliconvalleypower.com; sending an email that includes the customer name, address, account and phone number to green@siliconvalleypower.com; or by calling 244-SAVE (7283).

Sources of electric power in Santa Clara

Have you ever wondered about the sources of energy for electricity in your house? Lights go on with a flick of a switch and ovens with a turn of a knob. Where does this power come from?

Homes and businesses in Santa Clara receive their electricity from Silicon Valley Power, the City's municipal Electric Utility which generates and transmits energy from many sources, including 50 percent emission-free, clean power from geothermal, wind and hydroelectric sources, 19 percent from coal, and 31 percent from natural gas.

As a result of its own power systems and partnerships with other projects, Silicon Valley Power is able to offer the lowest combined utility rates found in all Bay Area counties and one of the lowest electric rates in California. Energy resources used by Silicon Valley Power include the Donald Von Raesfeld Power Plant, which provides about one-third of the power used in Santa Clara, and wind energy from the Big Horn Project in the State of Washington.

Silicon Valley Power scores top marks in statewide survey of commercial customers

Commercial customers of Silicon Valley Power, the City's municipal Electric Utility, gave it top scores in a statewide survey that queried business customers of other California municipal utilities and investor-owned utilities such as PG&E.

The survey asked questions about the prices, value, stability and reliability, customer service, billing and communication tools of the utility serving the survey respondent. Overall satisfaction of Silicon Valley Power came in at 8.4 on a 10-point scale – the highest rating of all the utilities. Silicon Valley Power also garnered top scores on value, competitive prices and reliability.

For the first time, the biannual survey also included questions about global warming and climate change. More than half of the 202 commercial customers of Silicon Valley Power who participated in the survey said they believed their utility was working to control greenhouse gas emissions. Only 37% of the respondents served by other municipal utilities in the state reported similar feelings about their utility.

For more information about the Silicon Valley Power commercial customer survey, call 615-5651 or email customerservice@siliconvalleypower.com.



Santa Clara Marriott, City support renewable energy

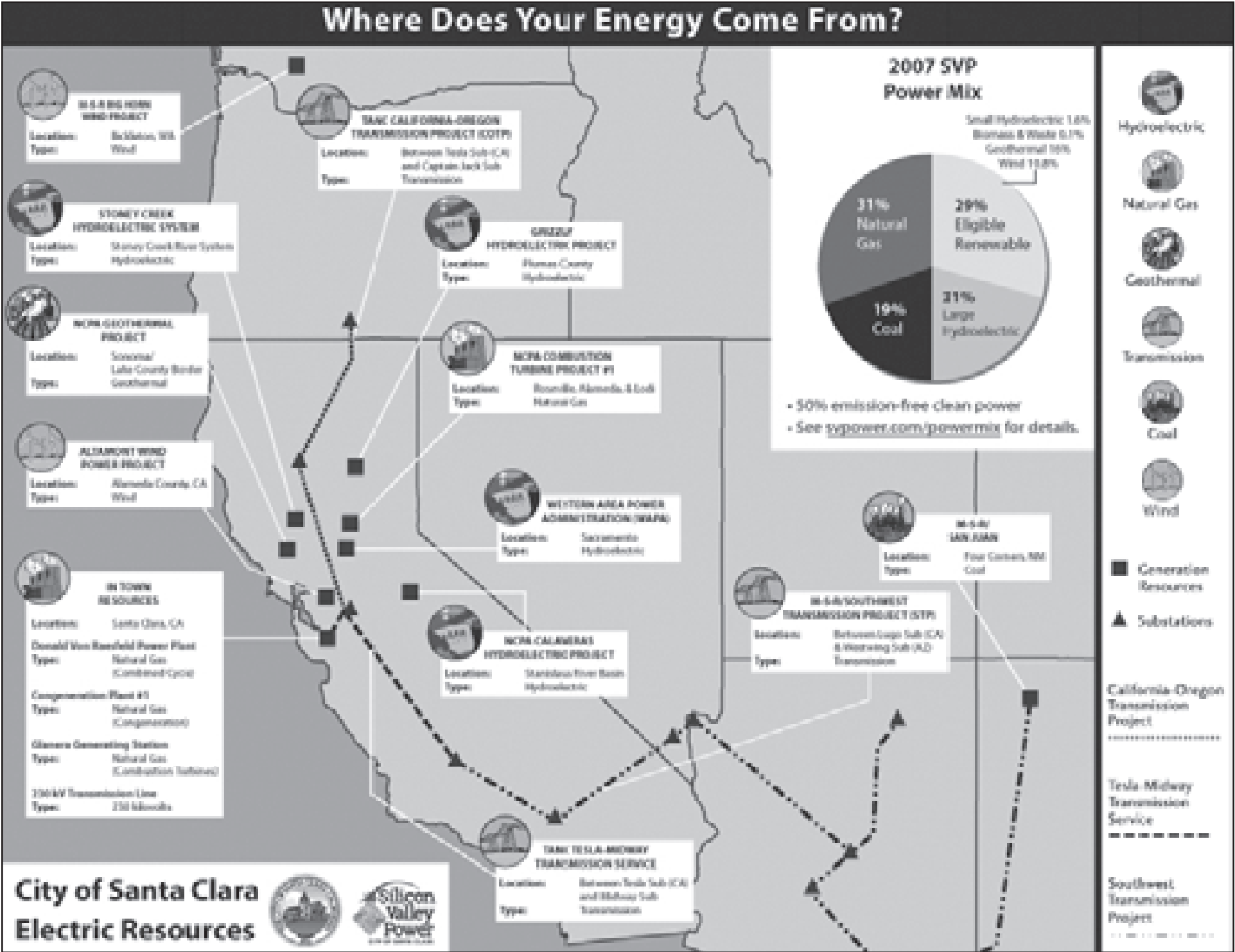
Santa Clara Marriott is the newest member of Santa Clara Green Power, the 100 percent renewable energy program for customers of Silicon Valley Power, the City's municipal Electric Utility. It is the first local hotel to become a Santa Clara Green Power champion.

The Santa Clara Marriott will purchase one half of the output of one large-scale wind turbine, or 1,608 megawatt-hours annually. The commitment will prevent the emission of more than 641 tons of carbon dioxide annually, equivalent to planting 534 acres of trees or removing 139 cars from the road per year.



The City of Santa Clara has also increased its commitment to the Green Power program, bringing the City's total annual purchase to more than one million kilowatt-hours of renewable energy annually. The carbon dioxide reduction is equivalent to planting 339 acres of trees or removing 88 cars from the road per year.

Both the Santa Clara Marriott and the City of Santa Clara now qualify as members of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's national Green Power Partnership.



Rate changes proposed for garbage, Clean Green, water, recycled water & sewer utilities

Proposed rate changes for garbage, Clean Green, water, recycled water and sewer utilities will be considered by the City Council at a public hearing on June 10, 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall, 1500 Warburton Ave. If approved, the rates could be effective as early as July 1, 2008.

The proposed rate changes were first presented at a City Council meeting on April 15. More information on the City budget can be found on the City's website at www.santaclaraca.gov and copies can be viewed at the libraries and City Hall.

Residents may attend the June 10 meeting to comment on the proposed rate changes or convey their opinions in writing or email prior to the meeting. Written protest about the proposed rate changes should be addressed to City of Santa Clara, Street and Water & Sewer Departments, 1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95050. Send email to water@santaclaraca.gov with the subject line: June 10 Public Hearing on Proposed Rate Increases. You must indicate your name, address, and if you are the property owner or tenant who pays the subject rates.

Garbage, Clean Green Rates

A proposed 3.3% increase in all other garbage collection and disposal rates is necessary to cover projected increased cost of collection and disposal. Single-family residential rates include fees for the Clean Green greenwaste collection program of \$7.55 (proposed increase of \$0.50), and the recycling collection program of \$0.50 (no proposed increase). The proposed rate increases will cover: cost-of-living adjustments in contracts with the private companies that provide garbage services; increased State, County, and City of San Jose disposal taxes and fees; and City of Santa Clara billing and program costs. Even with these proposed increases, the City of Santa Clara's rates charged to residents remain among the lowest in Santa Clara County.

The charges for the annual Clean-Up Campaign and the Household Hazardous Waste Program will remain at their current rate with no increases.

For more information about the proposed increases in rates for Garbage and Clean Green services, call the City's Street Department at 615-2051.

Sewer rates

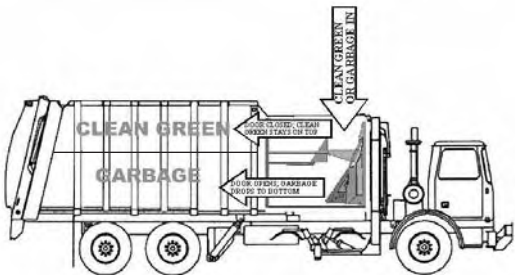
The sewer rate increase is due to increased costs for the City's share of operating costs and for capital projects required at the Water Pollution Control Plant where all of the City's sewage is treated. Other components of the City's sewer rates include operations and maintenance costs, including labor, replacement and improvements in the City's sewer collection system (capital projects) and the cost of support from other City departments.

For more information about the proposed increases in rates for sewer call the City's Water & Sewer Utility at 615-2000.

Service type/level	Current rate	Maximum proposed rate @ 15%
Single family Monthly flat rate	\$11.60	\$13.34
Commercial Monthly Min. per HCF	\$0.944	\$1.086
Commercial Monthly Max. per HCF	\$3.132	\$3.602

Two-compartment trucks collect, keep separate Clean Green and garbage

When watching the trucks collecting garbage and Clean Green, some residents have wondered why it looks like both materials are put into the same compartment on the truck. Actually, co-collection trucks (which have been used by Mission Trail Waste Systems since 1999) are innovative vehicles that are able to collect and keep separate two different materials at one time.



These trucks are called "split-body," which means that the interior of the truck is divided into two completely separate compartments. Garbage and Clean Green are emptied into the same opening on the truck, which can make it look as though both materials are being co-mingled. But the driver is actually keeping the materials separate by using a control in the cab of the truck to divert one commodity (garbage) into the lower compartment and another commodity (Clean Green) into the upper compartment.

Cameras located above the disposal opening allow the driver to verify that the door is operating properly and to make sure that the resident's cart is fully emptied. Separate doors at the rear of the truck, labeled with the appropriate markings ("Garbage" or "Clean Green") are used to empty the truck when both compartments are full.

Proper Refuse Setouts

Make solid waste collection/recycling day easy and efficient by following these simple guidelines:

- Place refuse and recyclables curbside prior to 7 a.m. of your collection day.
- Place garbage and Clean Green carts in the gutter with the wheels against the curb, at least 3 feet away from each other and from obstacles such as parked cars, landscaping, etc. Cart lids must be closed.
- Place recycling bins at the curb line (edge of the sidewalk closest to the gutter) without obstructing the sidewalk and at least 3 feet away from carts. Do NOT place recycling bins in front of carts.
- After containers are emptied, return them to the backyard or side yard, until next collection day.



Garbage:

Place household garbage (non-hazardous solid waste) in your wheeled, black garbage cart. Loose materials, such as ashes, sawdust, and pet waste, should be securely wrapped or bagged to prevent them from littering your neighborhood when carts are emptied. Cart lids must be closed. Used batteries may be placed in a "ziplock" style bag and set on top of the closed garbage cart for separate collection and safe disposal.

Clean Green yard waste:

Place grass clippings, weeds, leaves, hedge and shrubbery cuttings, small

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Service type/level	Current rate per month	Proposed rate increase per month	Proposed monthly rate for garbage service, effective July 2008
Single-Family Residential*			
1 can (32 gal.) or small cart	\$16.25	+ \$0.80	\$17.05
2 cans (two 32 gal.) or medium cart	\$24.64	+ \$1.10	\$25.74
3 cans (three 32 gal.) or large cart	\$33.03	+ \$1.40	\$34.43
Additional cans	\$8.39 per can	+ \$0.30	\$8.69 per can
One can (20 gal. size) Super Saver cart	\$10.90	+ \$0.80	\$11.70
Clean-Up Campaign charge for residence (unless excepted)	\$3.80	No change	\$3.80
Household Hazardous Waste	\$0.25	No change	\$0.25
All other garbage collection and disposal rates	-	+ 3.3%	-
*Rate includes \$7.55/month for Clean Green greenwaste collection (\$0.50 increase) and \$0.50/month for recycling collection (no change). Extra Bag Tag proposed increase to \$3.00/tag (\$0.50 increase).			

Water rates

The proposed rate increases for water and recycled water are primarily due to the cost of water from the City's wholesale water suppliers, including the Santa Clara Valley Water District and San Francisco Public Utility Commission (through the Hetch Hetchy regional water system), as well as increased costs for replacement of aging infrastructure. Other components of the City's water rates include operations and maintenance costs, including labor and support from other City departments. The possible range of increase for potable water - depending on wholesale water rate increases - is expected to be from 9% to 14% this year. A corresponding unit rate increase will be proposed for recycled water delivered by the City.

For more information about the proposed increases in rates for water and recycled water call the City's Water & Sewer Utility at 615-2000.

Service type/level	Current rate per month	Maximum proposed rate @ 14%	Current recycled rate	Maximum recycled rate @ 14%
Unit cost HCF*	\$2.115	\$2.411	\$1.274	\$1.452
Single family Monthly @15 HCF	\$31.73	\$36.17	N/A	N/A
Commercial Monthly @ 100 HCF	\$211.50	\$241.11	\$127.40	\$145.24

*HCF = 100 cubic feet or 748 gallons



Proper refuse setouts (continued)

tree branches and tree trimmings, plant materials and flowers in your automated Clean Green cart. Branches must fit inside the cart (no over-hanging branches). Do NOT place food or garbage, plastics, mixed paper, cardboard, pet waste, dirt, rocks, gravel, concrete, construction material, ashes, treated/painted wood, commercially purchased sod, stumps or tree trunks larger than 4 inches in your cart.

Recycling:

Glass food and beverage containers. Remove metal lids from glass jars or bottles before placing them both in the gray bin. Rinse containers clean to discourage pests.

Aluminum and metal food and beverage cans. Rinse containers clean to discourage pests.

Scrap metal. Clean aluminum foil and pie tins (no food residue), metal pots and pans.

Polystyrene (Styrofoam). Packing blocks, egg cartons, and take-out food containers. Place in 30-gallon clear plastic bags and set next to your gray bin. Rinse food containers clean to discourage pests. Styrofoam packing “peanuts” should be taken to your nearest Longs Drug Store mailing center, Mail Boxes, Etc., or Parcel Depot for reuse, OR call 1-800-828-2214.

Plastics #1 through #7. Including food, water, soft drink, milk, juice, detergent, shampoo and other containers. Rinse clean to discourage pests. Check for recycling symbol and number on the bottom of the container and place in your gray bin.

Plastic bags. Place plastic grocery, shopping, dry cleaning, newspaper and bread bags in 30-gallon clear plastic bags and set next to your gray bin.

Newspaper. Bundle with string or twine, or place in brown paper bags and set next to your gray bin.

Mixed paper. Including letter paper, envelopes, manila folders, magazines, junk mail, cereal boxes with liners removed, paper egg cartons, etc. Bundle with string or twine, or place in brown paper bag and set next to your gray bin.

Used motor oil. Place in one-gallon (or less) plastic containers (such as old motor oil bottles or rinsed detergent, fabric softener, milk or juice jugs) with screw-top lids. Pop-top plastic containers may also be used; be sure to tape the top down securely with masking or duct tape. Label the container “waste oil” and set beside your gray bin.

Used oil filters. Place in sealed, leak-proof plastic bags and place next to your gray bin.

Heavy packing cardboard. Break down and flatten into pieces no bigger than 3' x 3', bundle and set next to your gray bin.

For more information, call 615-2063 or check the City’s website at:
www.santaclaraca.gov/pub_works/pw_garbage_cg_info.html or
www.santaclaraca.gov/pub_works/pw_garbage_info.html or
www.santaclaraca.gov/pub_works/pw_recycling_out.html

Recycling bin scavenging is illegal

It is illegal for any person except Stevens Creek Disposal & Recycling to collect materials set out in the curbside recycling program bins. These materials help to offset the cost of the curbside recycling program for Santa Clara residents.

Scavenging materials from the recycle bins is a misdemeanor offense, punishable by up to a \$1,000 fine and/or six months in jail. If you see someone scavenging from the recycling bins, call 615-5580 (non-emergency Police dispatch) and give a description of the person scavenging from the bin, the street where the scavenging is taking place and the direction in which the person is heading. If a car, truck or van is being used, take down the license number, as well as the color, make and model of the vehicle, if possible.

Construction projects continue at local schools

Santa Clara Unified School District continues to modernize its secondary and elementary sites through the use of Measure J Bond funds that were approved in Fall, 2004 by Santa Clara voters.

In mid April, Cabrillo Middle School staff and students moved back into the first of two modernized wings. Peterson Middle School is scheduled for a modular building to house new school communications equipment this summer as well as renovation of many classrooms.

At the high school level, major renovation of the Wilcox High School library continues with a scheduled completion in October 2008. The construction work on the all-weather track began at the end of April and is scheduled to be completed the first week in September. The full modernization of the gymnasium, auxiliary gymnasium, and locker rooms will begin this summer. Also, initial planning for Santa Clara High School modernization of its gymnasium, auxiliary gymnasium, and locker rooms has started.

Braly Elementary School underground utility work is set to start this summer with the planning steps necessary to start modernization activities during the summer of 2009.

For more information about construction activities, contact the School District at 423-2000.

Major earthquake is coming – are you ready?

A recent report by the U.S. Geological Survey announced a 99% likelihood of an earthquake in California in the next 30 years. Scientific data now confirms that it is not IF, but WHEN, a major earthquake will shake the region. The American Red Cross Santa Clara Valley Chapter, which provides disaster relief services, and your Santa Clara Fire Department offer these suggestions to better prepare yourself and your family for the earthquake that is coming.

PREPARE NOW

- Choose a safe place in every room - under a sturdy table/desk or against an inside wall where nothing can fall on you.
- Practice DROP, COVER, and HOLD ON at least twice a year.
- Choose an out-of-town family contact and make sure every family knows who it is and their current phone number.
- Consult a professional to find out additional ways you can protect your home, such as bolting the house to its foundation and other structural mitigation techniques.
- Sign up for the City’s H.E.A.T. training (Home Emergency Assistance Teams). Call the Fire Department for details at 615-4940.
- Take a first aid class from the Red Cross. You can register online at www.scv-redcross.org.
- Get training on how to use a fire extinguisher from your local fire department.
- Inform baby-sitters and caregivers of your plan.
- Prepare a Disaster Supplies Kit for home and car. Store your disaster supplies in sturdy yet easy-to-carry containers, in a place that is easily accessible. Keep a smaller version of the kit in your vehicle. If you become stranded or are not able to return home, having some items with you will help you be more comfortable until help arrives.
- Prepare written instructions for how to turn off gas, electricity, and water if authorities advise you to do so. (Remember, you'll need a professional to turn natural gas service back on.)
- Keep essentials, such as a flashlight and sturdy shoes, by your bedside.

DURING AN EARTHQUAKE



- DROP, COVER, and HOLD ON! Drop under a desk or table, hold on, and protect your eyes by pressing your face against your arm. If there is no table or desk nearby, sit on the floor against an interior wall away from windows, bookcases, or furniture that could fall on you.
- Move only a few steps to a nearby safe place. Stay indoors until the shaking stops and you're sure it's safe to exit. Stay away from windows. In a high-rise building, expect the fire alarms and sprinklers to go off during a quake.
- If you are in bed, hold on and stay there. Protect your head with a pillow.
- If you are outdoors, find a clear spot away from buildings, trees, and power lines. Drop to the ground.
- If you are in a car, slow down and drive to a clear place. Stay in the car until the shaking stops.

AFTER AN EARTHQUAKE

- Check yourself for injuries. Protect yourself from further danger by putting on long pants, a long sleeved shirt, sturdy shoes, and work gloves.
- Check others for injuries. Give first aid for serious injuries.
- Look for and extinguish small fires. Eliminate fire hazards. Turn off the gas if you smell gas or think it's leaking. (Remember, only a professional should turn it back on.)
- Listen to the radio for instructions.
- Expect aftershocks. Each time you feel one, DROP, COVER, and HOLD ON!
- Inspect your home for damage. Get everyone out of your home if it is unsafe.
- Use the telephone only to report life threatening emergencies.

For more information on disaster preparedness, health and safety classes, and volunteer opportunities, see the City’s website, www.santaclaraca.gov for the special publication, “Emergency Preparedness Guidelines,” or call 615-2210 to ask that a copy be mailed to you. You can also contact the American Red Cross at www.santaclaravalley.redcross.org or 577-1000.



Library Update

Bay Area campaign reminds public about library services

Libraries offer access to essential information and technology, provide a second home for people of all ages to connect and learn, and deliver the services people need to achieve success. Libraries are a great place to learn something new, meet up with friends and neighbors or get answers to practical questions.

And best of all, most services offered by public libraries are FREE. During the next several months, on buses, websites, and in libraries throughout much of the Bay Area, including Santa Clara City Library, many residents will notice this logo:

The logo will raise awareness of how libraries help give people the freedom to explore, imagine, connect, create and succeed. A website, wearefree2.org, lists the many frEE services offered by public libraries, such as these provided at Santa Clara City Library:



- frEE Library cards which can be used to check out a variety of materials for frEE, including books, audio books, magazines, DVDs, music CDs, and more
- frEE programs, such as author lectures, children’s story hours, genealogy seminars, computer classes, Kaiser health and wellness programs
- frEE access the Library’s many Internet workstations and use a variety of subscription databases for library cardholders
- frEE literacy training program, Read Santa Clara

For more information on the many services available at your frEE public Library, visit the Library or the Library website at www.library.santaclaraca.gov.

Learn more about how to use the Internet

Free classes for the public on how to use the Internet are offered at Central Park Library. *Internet/Catalog Basics* and *Internet Search Strategies* are taught monthly. Special classes during the summer months include:

- Internet Basics in Chinese on June 5
- Internet Intermediate in Chinese on June 19
- Advanced Google Searching will be held in June (date to be determined)
- Health Resources on August 14 – Learn about the Library’s two health/medicine databases: *Health & Wellness Resource Center* and *Health Reference Center Academic* for your medical research and healthy living; basic computer skills are required.
- Learn to use Craigslist on August 21 – Learn how to use this popular website where you can view or post classified ads for free. This is an excellent tool for job hunting and for buying or selling almost anything. It also is a widely used way to find a place to rent or to find a tenant for a rental unit. Attendees must have a working email account, and basic computer and Internet skills.

All classes are scheduled from 9:30–10:30 a.m. in the Technology Center. See the Public Internet Class Schedule available at public service desks. Classes also are listed on the Library’s online calendar. To reserve a space, sign up in the Technology Center on the first floor, at the Reference Desk on the second floor, or call 615-2900.

Read local newspapers from 1886-1922 online

Starting in June, Library patrons will be able to access the *Historical San Jose Mercury News* database, thanks to grants from proceeds of the 2007 Santa Clara Historic Home Tour and from the Foundation & Friends of the Santa Clara City Library. This database is a fully digitized, remote-access online version of the daily *San Jose Mercury* newspapers for the years 1886-1922, in which every word is searchable.

This resource is extremely valuable for researching historical information about Santa Clara City and County pioneers, clubs and organizations, churches, businesses, schools, and news of the day. Besides major news

articles, advertisements, real estate transactions, death and marriage notices, and society gossip columns are fully searchable. The search results are presented as images of newspaper pages and clippings, so one can view the etchings and photographs that are part of the ads and articles.

This database will appeal to a variety of researchers: genealogists whose families were pioneers in Santa Clara County; owners of historical homes and businesses; members of long established community churches and clubs; students working on local history term papers; and City staff working on historic projects. It also will be used to fill in the gaps and improve some of the local history and early settler files in the Central Park Library Heritage Pavilion.

A few examples of headline articles that Library staff found during a database trial include:

May 15, 1892: *An Ideal Home: The Magnificent Estate of New Park, Santa Clara: Vineyards and Orchards: A Place Which has No Counterpart in California—The Fine Property for Sale [95 Acres].*

July 6, 1906: *Real Estate Conditions are Highly Gratifying: Orchard Sold by Geo. Rutherford to Abram Block for \$300 an acre: Decided Activity in All Lines of Trade—Merchants Record Briskness.*

April 21, 1907: *City of Santa Clara Famous for Public Ownership: Unique Atmosphere of Stability, Age and Culture in Santa Clara: Wonderful ‘Changes’ of Progress Since Early Mission was Founded (photos)*

August 3, 1920: *Opinions/Letters: Valley of Hearts Delight is Silly Slogan: We Make Machinery for World Consumption, Why Not Let World know This: Spray Pumps and Truck Axles Widely Known...(chamber of commerce should promote this, not silly twaddle phrases)*

To explore the *Historical San Jose Mercury News*, go to the Santa Clara City Library Research Databases webpage:

www.library.santaclaraca.gov/research.html, and click on the link to the *Historical San Jose Mercury News*. For more information, contact Local History Librarian Mary Hanel at 615-2909 or email mhanel@santaclaraca.gov.

Pay library fees online

The Library has introduced a new service to make it more convenient for patrons to pay their Library charges -- online payment with a credit card. This enables patrons to clear their library card record of fines without having to make a trip to the Library.

To pay online, Library patrons log into their accounts from a home computer or from a computer station in the Library. After reviewing unpaid fines and bills, patrons click on the button, Pay Online. Selected charges or all charges may be paid with a valid VISA or MasterCard.

49ers discussions continue

As this issue of *Inside Santa Clara* was going to press, preliminary negotiations were still underway with the 49ers on their proposal for a football stadium on City-owned land. The preliminary negotiations are non-binding - they do not commit the City to the stadium project - and will be contained in a Term Sheet which would clarify and document understandings and guarantees of all parties that would be involved in the proposed project. The Term Sheet would return to the Council for review and further public discussion, potentially in late June or July.

At the March 4, 2008 meeting, the City Council determined that a November 2008 City ballot measure will be held on the proposed stadium project with information for the ballot measure being taken from the Term Sheet currently under negotiations. The ballot language would clearly state that the measure was subject to the stadium project completing California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review.

Additional information can be found on the City’s website at www.santaclaraca.gov.

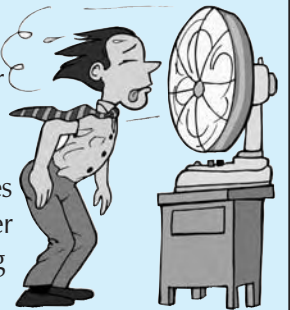
Prepare for summer heat

With the summer heat beginning to hit California, individuals are urged to take steps now to prepare for any prolonged heat waves that might occur this year, such as the heat wave of 2006.

Prolonged exposure to extremely high temperatures can be very dangerous, especially for seniors and other vulnerable populations. During extreme heat, cooling off for just a few hours can prevent heat stress.

Because drinking fluids is essential in avoiding heat exhaustion, heat stroke and other heat-related illnesses, it is strongly recommended that residents include plenty of drinking water as part of their emergency supply kits. A supply of portable radios and flashlights is also recommended. Heat waves can place a significant strain on the state’s power grid. A working radio and flashlight will provide access to emergency information and instructions, as well as light if power is disrupted due to an overload of the power grid.

As part of your emergency planning efforts, consider the needs of family
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Summer safety tips

Summer is here...time for sun, fun and long, lazy days. But don't be lazy when it comes to fire and life safety. Pay attention to these suggestions from the Santa Clara Fire Department to make this summer safe for you and your family.



Barbecue Safety

- Keep grills well away from anything that can burn including your home, vehicles, dry vegetation and other combustibles.
- Don't leave the grill unattended and keep children and pets away from it.
- Use only charcoal lighter fluid to start charcoal grills, *never use gasoline.*
- Once coals have been lit *never add more lighter fluid to the fire* – flames may travel up the stream of lighter
- Soak the coals with water before you discard them and leave the grill away from the house until completely
- For gas grills, always store the gas cylinder outside, away from structures, and turn off valves when not in use.
- *Never use any type of grill inside the home or in an enclosed area.* In addition to a fire hazard, use of the grill indoors can cause carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Teach your children that matches and lighters are tools for adults, not toys. Keep them out of children's sight and reach, preferably in a locked cabinet, so they are not accessible to children.

Fireworks

- Leave them to the professionals! Every year, fireworks used by amateurs cause thousands of injuries serious enough to require visits to the hospital emergency room. Not only are they dangerous, they are also illegal in Santa Clara County. Instead, enjoy the holiday and fireworks displays at a public event, such as the All City 4th of July Picnic in Central Park.

Enjoying Your Pool...Safely

Drowning is one of the leading causes of accidental death for American infants and children under the age of five. With a swimming pool, there is no substitute for adequate supervision. Precautionary steps include:

- Do not leave children unattended, in or around the pool, for even a second.
- Do not allow anyone of any age to swim without supervision. Even an experienced swimmer can drown when they bump their head, become entrapped, or have medical emergencies in the water like seizures or blackouts.
- Make sure you have adequate adult supervision for children. Children have drowned in pools when they are surrounded by people. Do not rely on the idea that a drowning person will splash loudly or call out for help. Drowning is usually silent.
- A fence, wall, or natural/artificial barrier should completely enclose your pool or spa. All gates or doors leading from the house to the pool area should have a self-closing and self-latching mechanism that protects against unauthorized entry and use.

- Do not place objects such as chairs or tables near the pool or spa fence that could allow a child to climb over.
- Always completely remove the pool and/or spa cover before using the pool or spa, to avoid the possibility of anyone becoming trapped and drowning under the cover.
- Keep pool and spa chemicals separate from each other, and from other chemicals. Violent reactions such as explosion, fire, or noxious gas production can occur when incompatible chemicals come in contact with each other.
- Store and use pool chemicals according to the manufacturer's recommendations, always store them outside the home, away from any heat source or flame.

Safety on Wheels

- *When you are on wheels, wear a helmet.* This includes bicycles, scooters, skateboards, and skates. Other safety equipment for scooters, skateboards, and skates includes kneepads, elbow pads, wrist guards, and gloves.
- Set a "no helmet, no wheels" rule with your children. Also, teach by example and wear safety gear yourself. You will not only teach your children good habits, you will also keep yourself protected.

By following these quick and simple tips, we can all have a fun and safe summer. For more information about fire and life safety, contact Santa Clara Fire Department, Office of the Fire Marshal, at 615-4970.

Keep the house cool without air conditioning



Santa Clara's natural air conditioning – cooling afternoon breezes off the Bay – can be put to good use along with other tips on how to keep your home comfortable during hot summer months without turning on the air conditioner. Here are a few suggestions on how to save energy and beat the heat:

- When it's cooler outside than inside, such as in the evening and early morning, open the windows and doors to ventilate the house.
- During the day, close drapes and blinds to keep out the heat, especially on the south and west sides of the house that get the most sun.
- Turn off incandescent lights and heat-generating appliances.
- Install and use an attic fan to reduce heat build-up in the attic which will radiate into rooms below.
- Use a ceiling or portable fan to cool the rooms you use the most. Fans use less energy than air conditioners.



SANTA CLARA SENIOR CENTER SERVICES 1303 Fremont Street Phone: 408.615.3170

- ❖ **Attic Insulation** Pre-set Income Criteria. Call 408/971-0888
- ❖ **Blood Pressure** Wed. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Drop-in
Mon., Tues., Thurs., & Fri. By appointment
- ❖ **BART Tickets** Available at Senior Center Cost: \$9.00 Value: \$24.00
- ❖ **VTA Bus Pass** Picture taken at County \$20.00 Monthly Bus Sticker
Transit & Senior Center Sold at Senior Center
- ❖ **Case Management** Call Council on Aging Donations Accepted
Call 408/296-8290
- ❖ **Fitness Room.** Monday Through Thursday, 7 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Friday, 7 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
- ❖ **Grab Bars/Ramps/Repairs.** Low-interest rate. For City of
Santa Clara Homeowners Call 408/615-2490
- ❖ **Health Insurance.** Barbara Purdy Free service by appointment
Call 408/615-3170
- ❖ **Home Care Info./** Susan Bates Donations Accepted
Referral Service Scheduled hrs. Call 408/615-3170
- ❖ **Income Tax** Scheduled Appointments Free Service
Call 408/615-3170
- ❖ **Legal Assistance** Age Limit: 60+ By appt. only
Call 408/615-3170
- ❖ **Notary Service.** Second Mondays By appt. only
Call 408/615-3170
- ❖ **Nursing Assessment** . . . Free Service by Appt. Call 408/615-3170
for Homebound
- ❖ **Nursing Consultant** . . . Mon., Tues., Thurs., & Fri. By appt. only
Suzanne Avina, R.N., MSN
Marian Ecklund, R.N., M.ED. Call 408/615-3170
- ❖ **Nutrition Program.** Donation \$2.00 Reservations Req.
Mon.-Fri., 11:30 a.m. Call 408/615-3174
- ❖ **Outreach.** Free Information Service. Call 408/436-2865
- ❖ **Catholic Charities Housing** Call 408/325-5277

The Senior Center Office Hours are as follows:
Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. • Friday, 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Saturday, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. • Sunday, Closed



**POLICE OFFICER & RECRUIT
POLICE OFFICER:**

Police Officer monthly salary range is \$7,741 - \$9,877. Recruit Police Officer monthly salary starts at \$5,850. Both positions require one of the following: Without experience, applicants must have completed sixty (60) semester units or ninety (90) quarter units of academic level course work at an accredited college or university; or applicants with two (2) years full-time, paid, recent police experience with a sheriff's department, state police, highway patrol, or municipal police department must have completed thirty (30) semester units or forty-five (45) quarter units of academic level courses at an accredited college or university. Applicants for Police Officer also require proof of completion of a Basic Peace Officer Academy certified by the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis for both positions; file by June 17, 2008 for the July 12, 2008 written examination or file by September 2, 2008 for the September 20, 2008 written examination.

Please submit City application to the Human Resources Dept., 1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95050, or FAX 247-5627.

**COMMUNICATIONS
DISPATCHER I:**

Communications Dispatcher I monthly salary range is \$5,328 - \$6,459. Requires graduation from high school or possession of a GED and one year of paid employment experience requiring independent decision-making and a high level of public contact, preferably a public safety related position. Possession of a current P.O.S.T. Basic Dispatch certificate is desirable and may be substituted for six (6) months of the employment experience. Possession of a P.O.S.T. Basic Dispatch certificate and a Medical Priorities Dispatching System (MPDS) certificate is required prior to completion of the probationary period. A typing certificate, dated no earlier than 6 months prior to application filing, showing the required typing speed of 30 net words per minute, is required at time of application. Candidates who have taken the POST dispatcher examination within the last six months may submit verification of scores in lieu of taking the performance examination. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis.

Please submit City application and typing certificate to the Human Resources Dept., 1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95050, or FAX 247-5627.

**COMMUNICATIONS
DISPATCHER II:**

Communications Dispatcher II monthly salary range is: \$5,723 - \$6,951. Requires graduation from high school or possession of a GED; and the equivalent of one of the following: (a) two years of paid employment experience in public safety dispatching within the past five years; or (b) five years of current paid employment with a public safety agency or private emergency medical services agency, with high level Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD), radio and/or telephone operation; or (c) successful completion of a probationary period as a Communications Dispatcher I with the City of Santa Clara. Possession of a current P.O.S.T. Basic Dispatch certificate is desirable and may be substituted for six months of the employment experience. Classroom education involving fire science or law enforcement related studies is highly desirable. A typing certificate, dated no earlier than 6 months prior to application filing, showing the required typing speed of 30 net

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words per minute, is required at time of application. Candidates who have taken the POST dispatcher examination within the last six months may submit verification of scores in lieu of taking the performance examination. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis.

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**ELECTRIC UTILITY
GENERATION TECHNICIAN:**

Electric Utility Generation Technician monthly salary range is \$6,926 - \$8,431. Requires graduation from high school or its equivalent and four (4) years of electric generation operation and maintenance experience in a medium-sized electric generation power plant or equivalent, including two (2) years of experience above the entry level. Three years of operations and maintenance level experience above the entry level with work assignments in City of Santa Clara combined cycle generation facilities may substitute for the above experience requirements. Two (2) additional years of electric generation operation and maintenance experience with an electric generation power plant or the equivalent is highly desirable. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis; examinations are scheduled as a sufficient number of applications are received.

Please submit City application to the Human Resources Dept., 1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95050, or FAX 247-5627.

ELECTRICIAN:

Electrician monthly salary range is \$6,436 - \$7,814. Requires graduation from high school or its equivalent and status as a journey-level electrician and/or completion of a formal electrician apprenticeship program. Certification of required journey level electrician status and/or completion of a formal electrician apprenticeship program must be provided. Journey level experience working for an electric utility maintaining high voltage substation equipment or journey level experience maintaining solid state traffic signal equipment, or solid state supervisory control systems is desirable. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis.

Please submit City application and electrician certification to the Human Resources Dept., 1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95050, or FAX 247-5627.

JOURNEY LINEWORKER:

Journey Lineworker monthly salary range is \$6,436 - \$7,814. Requires graduation from high school or possession of a G.E.D.; and completion of a recognized three (3) year apprenticeship program as a Lineworker. Certification of apprenticeship program must be provided at time of application. Possession of a valid California Class A Driver's license is required, or possession of a valid Class C license at the time of employment and the ability to obtain Class A within six months of employment. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis.

Please apply by formal application to the Human Resources Dept., 1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95050, or FAX 247-5627.

**POLICE RECORDS
SPECIALIST II:**

Police Records Specialist II monthly salary range is \$4,942 - \$6,020. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age. Requires graduation from high school or its equivalent; and two years of clerical and typing experience. College education with special emphasis in police administration or related fields may be substituted for the required

work experience on a year-for-year basis. A typing certificate, dated no earlier than 6 months prior to application filing, showing the required typing speed of 50 net words per minute, is required at time of application. Possession of an appropriate, valid California driver's license is required at time of appointment. A background investigation will be conducted prior to appointment. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis; examinations are conducted as vacancies occur.

Please submit City application and typing certificate to the Human Resources Dept., 1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95050, or FAX 247-5627.

For additional job opportunities available at the City of Santa Clara, please visit our website at www.santaclaraca.gov or call our Job Hotline at 615-JOBS. EOE.

Openings for adult crossing guards

Do you enjoy working outdoors and with children? The Santa Clara Police Department is looking for dependable individuals, age 21 or older, to safeguard the children of our community as they travel to and from school.

The Adult Crossing Guard program has been a vital part of the Santa Clara Police Department since 1979. Competitive wages start at \$12.28 per hour. Hours and locations vary.

For information, contact DeAnna Black, School Services Coordinator, at 615-4875 or email: dblack@santaclaraca.gov. The City of Santa Clara is an equal opportunity employer.

Summer heat

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members and neighbors who are elderly, have physical impairments or other special needs. Infants, small children, seniors, people with illnesses and those who are taking certain medications could be at additional risk for heat-related illnesses.

- Here are a few suggestions to avoid heat-related illnesses:
- ❖ Avoid strenuous activity in the hottest part of the day, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
 - ❖ When you are outdoors, protect yourself from the sun by wearing a hat, sunglasses and using an umbrella
 - ❖ Drink plenty of fluids
 - ❖ Reduce the amount of caffeine and alcohol you drink, since these beverages can actually contribute to dehydration.
 - ❖ Wear lightweight, loose clothing, preferably of a material that lets air get to your skin.



Symptoms of heat stroke include headache, dizziness, disorientation, agitation or confusion, hot dry skin that is flushed but not sweaty, and rapid heart beat. Heat stroke can be a life-threatening emergency and medical care should be sought if dehydration and heat exhaustion is suspected.

Additional tips on preparing for heat-related emergencies are available on the California Department of Health Services and Office of Emergency Services web sites at bepreparedcalifornia.ca.gov/epo and www.oes.ca.gov.



SANTA CLARA ARTS & HISTORICAL CONSORTIUM

Santa Clara Museums



Pictured top to bottom, above :

- Triton Museum of Art
- de Saisset Museum
- Headen-Inman House

Pictured top to bottom, above :

- Santa Clara Depot
- Harris-Lass Historic Museum
- Santa Clara Woman's Club Adobe

Triton Museum of Art

The Triton Museum of Art exists to enhance the quality of lives of people in Santa Clara and the Bay Area through a program of art, education, and community involvement. Rotating exhibits highlight the museum's permanent collection of 19th and 20th century American art. *Native Americans Yesterday and Today: Selections from the Austen D. Warburton Collection*, is a permanent exhibition. The museum buildings are owned by the City, but are operated by the nonprofit Triton Museum of Art. The museum is located at 1505 Warburton Ave., across the street from City Hall. The Museum is open daily, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Thursdays until 9 p.m. Admission and parking are free. For further information, call 247-3754, or visit the Triton website at www.tritonmuseum.org.

de Saisset Museum

Founded in 1955 through the bequest of Isabel de Saisset, the museum features rotating exhibits as well as permanent displays of art. The museum's collection includes American, European, African and Oriental art. The *California Historic Collection* features artifacts of the pre-mission California Indians, relics and sacramental objects from the original mission, and memorabilia from the days of the early college. The de Saisset also has an ongoing program of films, concerts and lectures. The museum is located on the Santa Clara University campus, adjacent to historic Mission Santa Clara. Admission and parking are free. Galleries are open Tuesday through Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 554-4528, or visit the de Saisset website at www.scu.edu/deSaisset.

Headen-Inman House

The charming Headen-Inman House, 1509 Warburton Ave., includes a museum with photographs and artifacts related to the history of Santa Clara. Rotating exhibits by the Santa Clara Art Association are also on display. The Santa Clara Founders and Pioneers Room has exhibits featuring the founding families and early pioneers of Santa Clara County. The house, named after the two families who once owned it, is now owned by the City, but is operated by and is the headquarters of the nonprofit Santa Clara Arts & Historical Consortium. The museum is open most Sundays, from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission and parking are free. For further information, call 248-ARTS.

South Bay Historical Railroad Society

The South Bay Historical Railroad Society was founded in 1985 with the goal of preserving the heritage of American railroading. SBHRS accomplished the major task of renovating the historic Santa Clara Depot, and maintains the facility and researches its history. The group also built and maintains onsite HO and N scale museum-grade model train layouts. The Santa Clara Depot, at the Santa Clara Caltrain Station, is regularly open to the public every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Tuesdays from 6 to 9 p.m., at 1005 Railroad Ave. Call 243-3969 for further information, or visit the website at www.sbhrrs.org.

Harris-Lass Historic Museum

The Harris-Lass Historic Museum, located at 1889 Market St., is the last preserved farm site in the City of Santa Clara. The property, which includes a large fully furnished Italianate-style home, barn, summer kitchen and a tank house, is named for the two families who owned it and lived there for 125 years. The museum is now owned by the City, but is operated by the nonprofit Historic Preservation Society of Santa Clara, and staffed entirely by volunteers. Guided tours aid visitors in learning about local history and life in the early 1900s. Museum hours are most Saturdays and Sundays, from 12 noon to 4 p.m. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for students and seniors. Parking is free. For details about visiting the museum, call 249-7905.

Santa Clara Woman's Club Adobe

The Santa Clara Woman's Club Adobe, located at 3260 The Alameda, is a State-registered landmark and one of the oldest surviving adobe structures in northern California. With its origins dating to 1784, the Pena adobe was originally part of a row of houses for married Indian couples. The Santa Clara Woman's Club now uses the adobe as its club headquarters and meeting place. The Woman's Club provides encouragement and support for youth in Santa Clara, and cooperates with other organizations to aid seniors, veterans and the handicapped. Call 246-8000 for more information.

Other Consortium Member Groups

Foothills Region Antique Automobile Club of America

Interested in the preservation of cars that are 25 years old or older, the members of this club tour with their cars and take part in parades and many other family oriented activities. For more information, call President Grant Danielson, 836-2330.

Los Fundadores y Amigos de Alta California, the Founders and Friends of Santa Clara County

The goals of Los Fundadores are to preserve the history and heritage of Santa Clara County and early California, to maintain a museum room in the Headen-Inman House, to provide rotating genealogical displays, and to develop research materials for the library room at the museum. The group was established in 1987 by Evalyn Martinez. It publishes a quarterly newsletter aimed at preserving the history and heritage of the founding families and early pioneers of Santa Clara County from its founding through 1889. For more information, call Evalyn Martinez at 926-1165.

Santa Clara Players

The Santa Clara Players is a talented local theater group that performs in the 80-seat Hall Pavilion of the Triton Museum of Art. Its season runs from October through June and includes three public productions plus one-act plays that can be performed for groups by special arrangement. Call 248-7993 for more information or visit www.scplayers.org.

Santa Clara Sister Cities Association

Individuals interested in promoting an appreciation for the world and its diverse cultures are invited to join the Santa Clara Sister Cities Association (SCA). Membership is open to both residents of Santa Clara and non-residents. SCA works closely with the City's International Exchange Commission which coordinates exchange programs with Santa Clara's two sister-cities: Coimbra, Portugal and Izumo, Japan. The group meets four or five times during the year at the Senior Citizens Center in Santa Clara. For more information on the Santa Clara Sister Cities Association, or opportunities to host visitors, contact SCA President Andy Ratermann at 244-4548 or see the website at www.santaclarasistercities.org.

Santa Clara Valley Porcelain Artists

Santa Clara Valley Porcelain Artists is dedicated to studying, teaching and promoting the art of china, glass and porcelain painting. Activities include monthly meetings/luncheons, workshops/seminars, demonstrations, porcelain exchange, and community involvement. For more information, call Arline Norsworthy at 296-8319.

Consortium Member Groups include:

- de Saisset Museum*
- Foothills Region AACA
- Garden City Doll Club
- Heart of the Valley*
- Historic Preservation Society of Santa Clara
- KKUP Radio
- Los Fundadores, Founders and Friends of Santa Clara Co.
- Mission City Opera
- Mission Trail Early Ford V-8 Club
- Primarily Purses/Vintage Accessories Club
- Roberta Jones Junior Theatre*
- Santa Clara Art Association
- Santa Clara City Library*
- Santa Clara County Historical & Genealogical Society*
- Santa Clara Players
- Santa Clara Sister Cities Association
- Santa Clara Schools Foundation*
- Santa Clara Valley Porcelain Artists
- Santa Clara Woman's Club*
- Soroptimist International of Santa Clara*
- South Bay Historical Railroad Society*
- Spanish Heritage Society
- Tabard Theater*
- Triton Museum of Art*
- The Twenty Diners Plus

*Affiliate Members

For more information on the Consortium or information on any of the groups listed above, call 248-ARTS.

Vivid event illustrates tragedies can occur from drinking and driving

The Santa Clara Police Department, in partnership with the Santa Clara Unified School District, held a two-day drunk driving prevention program at Santa Clara High School in May. The highly acclaimed program, known as Every 15 Minutes, was created in the 1990s when every 15 minutes someone in the United States died in an alcohol-related traffic collision. Today, as a result of effective social marketing campaigns, deaths from an alcohol-related traffic collision occur in the U.S. every 30 minutes.

The Every 15 Minutes program, a realistic dramatization of the ramifications of drinking and driving, gave students an emotional and memorable understanding of the impact on people involved in alcohol-related fatal collisions.

The two-day program began with a staged fatal car collision at the football stadium at Santa Clara High School. Response by emergency personnel and treatment of the injured was extremely realistic. Students witnessed firsthand what actually occurs in alcohol-related collisions. "Injured" students were transported to Kaiser Permanente in Santa Clara where some were "treated" and others "succumbed" to their injuries. One student was arrested for DUI and experienced the criminal justice system firsthand. Parents, who volunteered to participate in the scenario, were notified that their children have been "injured" or "killed" as a result of the collision.

During the remainder of the school day, one-by-one, pre-selected students names were announced as having been "killed by a drunk driver." An obituary was read to their classmates and a rose placed on the "deceased" student's desk. A grave headstone with their name was then placed in a symbolic graveyard in the school's quad.

The students selected to be fatalities were sequestered

from parents and friends until day two. During that time, they listened to

speakers who have experienced the tragedy of losing a loved one to a drunk driver, learned about anti-drunk driving organizations, and wrote a paper about their experiences during the day and what they would like to have done with their lives if it had not been cut short by a drunk driver.

Day two at Santa Clara High School involved a mock funeral for the students who "died." Guest speakers, including students and parents, spoke about how drunk drivers have impacted their lives, and how they felt if their child had really been killed or maimed in a DUI collision. A video created by the City of Santa Clara MCTV video team captured the events of "Day One" and was shown to all the students prior to the conclusion of the event.

"For the police department, dealing with fatal and major injury traffic collisions comes with the nature of the business," said Lt. Mike Sellers of the Santa Clara Police Department. "Putting the brakes on teen drinking and driving can only happen when individuals, communities, and institutions dedicate themselves to helping young adults make responsible choices. As we saw during the two-day program, and especially during the "memorial" service, many of the people in attendance were significantly moved by the efforts of all involved."

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Independence Day holiday

City offices, including the library, will be closed on Independence Day, July 4. There will be no change to the solid waste collection schedule during the week of the Independence Day holiday. Regular collection will occur on July 4th.



Enjoy fireworks from a safe distance



Fireworks cause more than 24,000 fires and 9,000 injuries each year.

The Santa Clara Fire Department urges everyone to enjoy fireworks with your family on the Fourth of July from a safe distance at one off the local public fireworks displays, like the one at Central Park. The possession and use of all fireworks, including "safe and sane" fireworks that may be legal in other cities, are illegal in the City of Santa Clara. It is punishable by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding six months, or by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollar (\$1000), or by both. Don't risk injury or a citation – leave fireworks to the professionals.

Concerts in the Park June 18-August 17



The City of Santa Clara's Concerts in the Park series offers free performances this summer on two Wednesday evenings and seven Sunday afternoons at Central Park Pavilion. Evening concerts are 6:30-8 p.m. and Sunday concerts are 2:30-4 p.m. The series is sponsored by the City's Cultural Advisory Commission. For more information, call 615-2210.

Date	Band Name	Music Type
Wed., June 18	Tom Rigney and Flambeau	Cajun/Blues/New Orleans
Wed., June 25	Toy Soldiers	Electro/Pop/Rock
Sun., July 6	Peter Cor & the Jazzy Devils	Jazz
Sun., July 13	Usual Suspects	Classic Rock & Roll
Sun., July 20	Ancient Future	World Fusion Music
Sun., July 27	Harry Best & Shabang	Steel Drums
Sun., August 3	Red Beans and Rice	Blues/Cajun
Sun., August 10	Big Butter & Egg Band	Vintage Jazz
Sun., August 17	Fog City Stompers	Dixieland